

REMARKS

Status of the Application

Claims 1-26 are active in the Application. Claims 1, 7, 13, 14, 15, 20, 25 and 26 are independent claims. Claims 27-135 have been canceled without prejudice.

Claims 1-135 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112 as indefinite for reciting, as a whole, an undue multiplicity of claims. The Examiner requested the identification of not more than 25 claims for examination, the cancellation of non-selected claims and Applicants' suggestion of a grouping for a subsequent restriction requirement.

Applicant's Response

While respectfully traversing the rejection, for purposes of expediting the prosecution Applicants suggest the following claim groupings and make the following election.

Group I: claims 1-26, methods, systems and means for automatically responding to a barter order;

Group II: claims 27-51, methods, systems and means for generating barter order trade information,

Group III: claims 52-84, methods, systems and means for generating reports,

Group IV: claims 85-102, methods, systems and means for responding to barter order requests,

Group V: claims 103-115, methods, systems and means for creating barter order requests,

Group VI: claims 116-135, methods, systems and means for trading barter orders.

Applicants hereby select the claims of Group I, the remaining non-selected claims being canceled. Applicants note that this Group I comprises 26 claims, 1 more than requested by the Examiner, but respectfully request the examination of the entirety of the Group. Alternatively, it is requested that the Examiner cancel claim 26 by Examiner's amendment, with the claim being reconsidered upon the determination of the patentability of the selected Group.

Applicants make no admissions regarding novelty or obviousness and reserve the right to pursue the non-selected claims in the future.

The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicants' attorney at the number indicated below if such communication would facilitate the examination of the application.

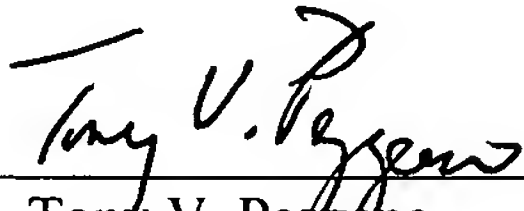
Authorization

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for consideration of this Amendment, or credit any overage, to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 4159-4005US1. A DUPLICATE OF THIS DOCUMENT IS ATTACHED.

In the event that an extension of time is required, or which may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 4159-4005US1. A DUPLICATE OF THIS DOCUMENT IS ATTACHED.

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